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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

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1972

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GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	60,981
Population (Registrar General Return)	21,500
Number of inhabited houses and flats	7200
Population density per house	2.99
Rateable value (1st April, 1972)	£831503

INDUSTRIES

Pottery	Electricity Generating Station
Domestic Electrical Appliances	Agricultural Engineering
Farming	Armaments Testing
Corn Milling	Civil Engineering

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

The following samples of water were taken during the year for bacteriological and chemical analysis:-

Bacteriological		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Well	... ...	4	1
Spring	... ...	4	4
Borehole	... ...	3	Nil
Main	... ...	1	Nil
	Total	12	5

Chemical			
Well	... ...	2	Nil
Spring	... ...	3	Nil
Borehole	... ...	2	Nil
Main	... ...	Nil	Nil
	Total	7	Nil

SEWERAGE

Barlaston Parish

Rough Close Sewage Works

Work on the preparation of a scheme to replace the Rough Close Works by means of a pumping station and main to the Blythe Valley sewer was recommende in December, 1972.

Eccleshall Parish

Eccleshall Sewage Works

Authority to proceed with the £66,000 Oxygest replacement plant at the Eccleshall Sewage Works was granted and work by the end of 1972 was well in hand.

Hilderstone Parish

Hilderstone Sewerage Scheme

A scheme to sewer Hilderstone Village at a cost of £35,000 was approved and completed during the year.

Milwich Sewerage Scheme

Following approval granted to sewer Hilderstone as a separate uni a survey was carried out for the purpose of preparing a sewerage scheme for Milwich Village. By the end of the year preparation of details were well in hand.

Aston

The Oxigest unit provided by the estate developers was completed and handed over to the local authority for future maintainence.

Meaford

A scheme to sewer the hamlets of Meaford and Bury Bank at a cost of £27,600 was commenced in August. By the end of the year the works had been constructed and approx. 75% of the sewers laid.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

The collection of household refuse continues to be carried out throughout the whole district with five vehicles (3 Compressmores, 1 Crushloader and 1 Compressloader). Four of the vehicles are in regular service and a fifth is used for special collection from establishments and for standby use. Collections from 7,200 premises is carried out at approximately seven day intervals.

The Council operate a Sheppard Meiller vehicle for the collection of bulk refuse, and during the year 24,798 miles were covered by this vehicle.

Refuse Disposal

All refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping on the central tip situated at R.O.F. Site, Swynnerton.

Mobile Drainage Service

The emptying of pail and earth closets continues to decrease as conversions to septic tank installations and connections to new drainage systems are made.

Septic Tank Cleansing

The Council still operate a free annual service for domestic tanks.

HOUSING

A. Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

1. Total number of houses repaired in consequence of informal action (all Acts) 25

Section 9 and 10, Housing Act, 1957

2. Number of notices served: Informal - Nil — Nil
3. Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices:-
   a) By owner ... ... — Nil
   b) By Local Authority ... ... — Nil

B. Sections 16 and 17 - Housing Act, 1957

1. Number of Time and Place Notices Served ... ... — 4
2. Number of undertakings accepted ... ... — -
3. Number of Closing Orders made ... ... — -
4. Number of Demolition Orders made ... ... — 4
5. Number of houses demolished following Demolition Order.. — 7

C. Clearance Area

1. Number of area represented during the year ... ... — Nil
2. Number of houses included... ... ... — Nil
3. Action taken during the year:-
   (i) Houses demolished by Local Authority or owners:-
      a) Unfit ... ... — Nil
      b) Others ... ... — Nil

   (ii) Numbers displaced:-
      a) Individuals ... ... — Nil
      b) Families ... ... — Nil

D. Improvements Grants

1. Standard Grants:-
   (i) Number of applications approved:-
      a) Owner/Occupiers ... ... — 13
      b) Tenanted houses ... ... — -
      c) Estimated value ... ... — 4,301
   (ii) Number of grants paid during the year ... ... — 11
      Value of grants paid ... ... — 3,351

2. Discretionary Grants

Conversions

(i)	Number of applications approved	5
	a) Owner/Occupier	3
	b) Tenanted houses...	2
	c) Estimated Value	7,408
(ii)	Number of grants paid during the year	5
	Value of grants paid	3,316

Improvements

(i)	Number of applications approved:-	
	a) Owner/Occupier	31
	b) Tenanted houses...	9
	c) Estimated value	58,045
(ii)	Number of grants paid	40
	Value of grants paid	26,932

E. Rent Act, 1957

Applications for Certificate of Disrepair ... ... Nil

General

Number of houses erected during the year:-

1. By Local Authority (houses and flats)	52
2. By private enterprise	47
Total	99

Number of Council owned dwellings at 31st December, 1972:-

1. Erected up to 1940	93
2. Erected between 1947 and 1970	1,286
3. Erected during 1972	41
4. Purchased from private owners...	23
Total	1,443

Welfare Units

Eccleshall This unit comprises of 12 flatlets and 14 flats with general welfare facilities for the elderly, a warden's flat and 4 flats on the second floor for general housing allocation. During the year four welfare flats have been re-allocated.

Barlaston This unit, consists of 26 bedsitters, and 5 one bed two persons units, a guest room and a warden's flat. Also there are 5 flats for general housing allocation. During the year four welfare flats have been re-allocated.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat Inspection

The following table gives details of meat inspection at the three private slaughterhouses during the year 1972.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	282	Nil	11	2,040	424
Number Inspected	282	Nil	11	2,040	424
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	25	-	-	144	26
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	8.8%	-	-	7.0%	6.1%
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2
Pertcentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.47%
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-

Regular meat inspection is carried out and all meat killed in the slaughte houses is inspected as soon after slaughter as possible. Apart from public holidays most of this work is carried out during normal office hours.

Weight of meat condemned:-

1.	Tuberculosis	30lbs
2.	Other idseases or condition	581lbs
		611lbs

The condemned meat at the slaughterhouses and butcher's premises was disposed of by the butchers to manufacturers of animal by-products in accordance with the Meat(Sterilisation) Regulations 1969.

Three slaughterhouses and one knacker's yard were licensed during the year. Eleven men were licensed to stun and slaughter animals under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958. A detailed inspection of the slaughterhouses is carried out from time to time in order to ensure that as high a standard of hygiene as possible is observed.

Inspection and Supervision of Food Premises and Food Shops

The number and types of food businesses carried on in the Stone Rural District are as follows:-

Butchers	7
General Provisions	40
Bread, cakes and sugar confectionery	6
Catering	12
Greengrocery	4
Baking and bread etc	1
Public Houses	41
Factory canteens	5
Clubs	10

Food Hygiene (General) Regs 1970

These Regulations came into operations on 1st March, 1971. Regular inspections of food premises have been carried out throughout the year and conditions have been reasonably satisfactory.

The following amount of food other than butcher's meat was found to be unfit for human consumption and voluntarily surrendered by the owners:-

Cooked meat and meat products	12lbs
	12lbs

Manufactured Food Six butchers' premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the preparation and manufacture of sausage and pressed meat intended for sale for human consumption.

Ice Cream There are now 46 premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream in the area. All the premises sell prepacked ice cream.

Milk Sampling Routine sampling of milk is undertaken by the Sampling Officers of the Staffordshire County Council.

GENERAL

Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

Number on Register at end of year..... 42
Number of inspections for all purposes..... 5

All the factories are mechanically powered. It was not found necessary to serve any notices during the year.

Outworks

No notifications were received of outworkers employed in the district.

Shops Act, 1912-1950

Due to pressure of other work very little has been done in this directi

Offices, and Railway Premises Act, 1963

During the year work proceeded slowly on detailed inspection of registe premises. Minor contraventions were found in 5 premises. There are 71 prem on the register including 19 offices, 32 retail shops and 20 catering establishments.

A general inspection of 20 premises was carried out and a total of 48 visits were made. Contraventions in relation to temperature, ventilation eating facilities and first aid equipment were found and put right by informal action.

Petroleum Acts

Sixty-eight licences were issued during the year for the storage of 101,400 gallons of petroleum spirit. In addition, four licences were issued for the storage of 10,700 gallons of petroleum mixtures.

Cinematograph Acts, 1909-1952

Theatres Act, 1843

Theatres Act, 1968

4 Stage Play licences were issued during 1972. Visits and inspections were made in conjunction with the Staffordshire County Fire Service to ensur that the premises were satisfactory from the point of view of lighting, seating, sanitary accommodation and means of escape in case of fire.

Rodent Control

The Council employs a full time Rodent Operative and the table below shows the type of premises and the number of visits made.

Council Sites - Tips Sewage Disposal Works etc.,

No. of sites visited	11
No. of visits for treatment	103

Council Housing Sites

No. of sites visited	14
No. of visits for treatment	77

Business Premises

No. of premises visited	6
No. of visits for treatment	30

Private Property

No. of houses visited	175
No. of visits for treatment	180

Farms and Business Contracts

No. of Contracts	69
No. of Inspections	309
No. of Treatments carried out	289
No. of Farms Surveyed	35

Farm Contracts. During the Spring of 1972 Farmers were circularised and given details of a contract scheme. It was proposed to carry out an initial treatment for which a charge would be made and after which a contract could be entered into on a twelve monthly basis for a charge of £5. Some farmers took advantage of this scheme and the number of contracts increased from 39 in 1971 to 69 in 1972.